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FIND NO MARKET FOR DOGFISH

Despite the fact that fish dealers at the new pier in South Boston have tried to push dogfish on the market as a food fish, no requests for that commodity have as yet been received from retail dealers, says a Boston Exchange. A large amount of the dogfish is on exhibition but the dealers can find no sale.

Capt. Peter Bushalacci, an Italian fisherman, said yesterday in regard to dogfish as a food:

"Fresh dogfish are extensively eaten in Italy and have a flavor not unlike that of halibut, though it is much richer and oily. Canned dogfish tastes not unlike canned salmon.

"The people of Boston have not yet learned what fish to eat. They consider cod, haddock, mackerel, swordfish and a few others the only fish fit to eat. The ones they refuse to eat are really the most palatable and delicious.

"Squid is also sold extensively in Italy at \$1 a dozen and tastes like chicken when rightly prepared. Skate is also delicious and only eaten in Boston by the foreign population. I send a lot of skate and squid to Italians in the interior of the United States.

"Sharks and albacore or horse mackerel, also make excellent eating. The former can't be told from swordfish, while albacore tastes not unlike beefsteak. But I like dogfish the best of all. It is the richest of delicacies and highly esteemed by epicures abroad."

WHAT IS A SARDINE?

Sweet fish, in the day of trial sore!
And is thy name secure through all the ages

Writ, plainly to be read by everyone,
And art thou really, as the learned sages

Have dubbed thee, after unremitting toil,
A Pilchard immature, preserved in oil?

And is thy little cousin of the North,
Above whose seas an icy wind is whistling,

From fair Sardinia to be driven forth?

Shall we be forced to call him "bristling?"

Remembering his nature, such a word
Is surely ineuphonious and absurd?

So tell the truth, I do not greatly mind
Whether he be your cousin or your brother;

I have a kindly heart for either kind,
Each has some virtue missing from the other.

Weary of bristling, for sardines I yearn;

Fed with sardines, the bristling gets his turn.

"Fishing News."

Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Richard sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents per pound for white, seven cents for small grays and three cents for large grays.

LARGE CATCHES STILL COMING

Shackers Are Now Finding Codfish Quite Plenty on Quero Bank.

Two nice fares arrived here since yesterday, sch. Premier, Capt. William Morrissey from Cape North having 100,000 pounds fresh and 100,000 pounds salt cod, while sch. Flora L. Oliver has 140,000 pounds fresh fish and 10,000 pounds halibut, taken on Quero.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Georgia, Capt. John G. Stream, arrived from Georges with 15,000 weight fresh halibut and some salt and fresh fish.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. Alex. Surrette, one of the high line salt drifters, has another nice fare, her haul being for 55,000 pounds salt cod.

The gasoline steamers landed on herring, and this morning over 400 barrels were landed, a large amount of which went to salt.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Georgia, Georges, 15,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, Cape Shore seining, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 500 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Russell, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, salt drifting, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh haddock, 10,000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Premier, Cape North, 100,000 lbs. salt cod, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Str. Herbert and Emma, seining, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Independence, seining, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, seining, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Quartette, seining, 90 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Bessie A., seining, 25 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, seining, 100 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston.

Sch. Juniata, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Patriot, salt drifting.

Sch. Viking, salt drifting.

Sch. Florida, netting.

Sch. W. H. Reed, swordfishing.

Sch. Marsala, Georges handlining.

Sch. Elk, halibuting.

Sch. Esther Gray, haddocking.

Sch. Vanessa, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shacking.

Sch. Pontiac, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, seining.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Gertrude De Coste, Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.00.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Drift cod, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.50.

Hake, \$1.80.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Filthied halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c per lb.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

Salt tinker mackerel \$9 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than above.

Hake, \$1.30.

Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, \$1.10.

Small pollock, 75c per bbl.

Fresh halibut 9 1-2c per lb. for white, 6c for gray, and 3c for large.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.

Fresh mackerel 13c each for large, 6c for medium, 2 1-2c per lb. for tinkers.

Whiting, 60c per bbl.

MADE MONSTER

HAUL OF SHAD

With her hold chock full and her deck also covered with fish the little gasoline fishing steamer Alice, Capt. George Rice, came into port Tuesday afternoon, her deck being almost level with the water. It was glad, not herring, the skipper was looking for and he struck them in good shape yesterday morning, running into a big school off Small Point, which he gathered in at one scoop, getting in his net over 300 barrels, more than his steamer would hold, he being obliged to put 100 barrels on another craft.

Capt. Rice had considerable difficulty in getting his catch on board the steamer, a myriad of dogfish gathering around the nets and doing their level best to reach the fish inside, their attack being of the most savage nature. The Alice has been remarkably successful while fishing out of this port during the winter and spring doing well in haddocking and still better in the herring fishery, while the catch of yesterday will add over \$600 to the fine stock she has already made. The boat is finely equipped for fishing, having the best and an abundance of gear, while her skipper has well earned his reputation as a hustler.

Portland Fishing News.

As the little fishing steamer Hermann Reissing was coming in from outside about 3.30 o'clock Monday morning a dory was discovered in the main ship channel off Cushing Island. On getting alongside the steamer's crew were surprised to find a man stretched out in the bottom of the dory with a coat thrown over his head and shoulders. It was at first supposed that the man was dead, but an examination showed that he was sound asleep and a vigorous shaking was necessary to arouse him from his slumbers. He said his name was Nelson and that he was connected with the Morris & Cummings Dredging Co.'s tug Viking, but did not give very intelligent explanation as to how he came to be drifting around in the boat, which did not contain any cargo. He was landed at Cushing Island. It was afterwards learned that the man had been employed on one of the macks at work in the lower harbor and that he had probably been drifting around all night in the dory, which fortunately escaped being taken by any of the numerous fishing steamers which are going in and out of the harbor all night.

Herring are still in liberal receipt at the two Central wharf cold storage plants, more than 600 barrels having been landed there Monday. A large fleet of vessels was in with fish taken off the lightship, but no big catches were reported, the majority of the vessels having small fares. Mackerels were mixed in freely with the herring, the sloop Nellie G. York having four barrels of good sized fish, with a number of other boats also having several hundred pounds each. One of the steamers coming in Monday had barrels of bluebacks, the first sized lot of that fish yet landed. About 200 bushels of sardine herring are being brought up daily from the traps at Broad Cove, Falmouth Foreside, for the use of the South Portland factory, which could easily take care of ten times that amount if they could be cured.

N. F. Shore Season Late.

The continuance of cold weather, rough water, and the late presence of ice on the Northern part of the coast combine to still postpone the opening of the codfishing season proper, the John's Trade Review says. In the favored places, remotely apart from the coast, the more venturesome fishermen have picked up a few quarts but the bulk of the fishermen have not yet begun to fish. As the line in the water at all yet, as well as hook and line men are convinced there is going to be no fish on the coast this spring, and the men are likely to be in before the season and liners cast a line. As a matter of fact, a few caplin have already been taken up about St. Lawrence.

Frequently when the Northern part of the Island has cold and back weather and a late spring fishermen Western and Southern fishermen are doing good work. This season, however, the same late opening and backward conditions are in evidence around the coast. A Placentia Bay respondent tells us: "The boats around Cape St. Mary's have done very little to date, and the inshore fishery is practically nil. Some herring have appeared at Argentia, but cold weather and rough water prevent the fish from taking advantage of this. Another correspondent says: 'I have never known the water to be so cold on the first of June.'

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**ROUND FISH
SUPPLY GOOD**

**Free More "Sworder" Fares
at Boston and Price
Goes Off.**

Roundfish took a drop at Boston this morning, three more fares arriving with 150 fish, and sold at 12 1-2 a pound.

They were the down east schs. Top-Girl and Albert D. Willard and Emily Sears.

Roundfish continue in good supply, off shores arriving since yesterday. Wholesale quotations were \$1.75 to a hundred for haddock, \$3.15 to \$4 for large and \$2 for market cod.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail

Sch. Annie Perry, 16,000 haddock, 100 cod.

Sch. Mabel E. Leavitt, 500 large and 1000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie Nelson, 24,000 haddock, 100 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Joanna, 8000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Lucania, 16,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, 45,000 lbs. fresh mackerel, 116 bbls. salt fish.

Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 26,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 22,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Veda M. McKown, 5200 large and 1000 medium fresh mackerel, 127 bbls. mackerel.

Sch. Commonwealth, 30,000 haddock, 60 lbs. cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 43 swordfish.

Sch. Genesta, 22,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Topsail Girl, 50 swordfish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, 57 swordfish.

haddock, \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.15 to \$3.25; market cod, \$2; swordfish, 13 1-2 cents per lb.; fresh mackerel, 15 cents to 15 1-2 cents for large, 7 cents to 9 1-2 cents for medium; 3 1-4 cents per lb. for tinkers.

**SAN FRANCISCO
MARKET QUIET**

The codfish market at San Francisco has been uneventful, and the demand both here and in other markets is reasonably quiet, the Pacific Fishermen's association says. The Pacific Fishermen's association's schooner Bertha Dolan arrived on May 26 from North Harbor station, with 32,000 codfish, 40 barrels of herring and 100 barrels of salmon. Supplies here are augmented by the arrival of a schooner from the Alaska Codfish Company, schooner Allen A., now due at the stations.

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The suit of the Pacific States Trading Company against the Union Fish Company and the Alaska Codfish Company has been settled out of court and was formally dismissed May 20. It is understood that the compromise agreed on includes the settlement by the defendants of the costs of the case.

C. P. Overton of the Union Fish Company, says: "Our power schooner, Golden State which arrived from the stations April 20, was held here awaiting Alaskan mail and again dispatched to our Alaska codfishing stations May 20, taking a full load of salt, supplies and fishing gear. We have advices of a full load of codfish at the stations and now in the tanks awaiting her arrival, so there will be plenty of codfish here to meet all requirements of the trade until the arrival of the Bering Sea fleet along in September."

"The trade in salt codfish is exceedingly dull, as is customary at this season of the year, and while advices from the Atlantic Coast are rather encouraging to us as to the outlook for a good trade with that section this fall yet the meager receipts of codfish up to date have been sufficient to meet the small summer demand of that market. Hence we find none there showing any interest in our product or inclination to buy from us just now. Fortunately, such small stocks of codfish as are now in first hands on this coast are strongly held and as any slight change of price would not affect the sale of the goods the market continues steady. We look for no marked change either in price or market conditions until the arrival of the fall fishing fleet, or some definite news concerning their catch which might come by July or August."

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Flora L. Oliver sold to the American Halibut Company for 8 3-4 cents per pound for white, 5 cents for small grays and 3 cents for large grays.

The halibut fare of sch. Georgia sold to the New England Halibut Company for 9 1-2 cents for white and 6 cents for gray.

**Are Living up to the
Law as a Whole.**

A number of the members of the Lobstermen's association, including some of the officers and several of the executive committee are much concerned over a recent report that some members of the association are engaging in the traffic of "shorts," which is in direct violation to the by-laws of the organization and one of the main features which they are banded together to combat.

They feel that the association is doing all in its power to have all the lobstermen of Cape Ann strictly observe all the rules of the order as well as the laws of the state in reference to the catching and shipping and selling of lobsters, in order that they may have all strictly adhere to these they request all persons having any evidence that the laws are being violated to report the same at once to any of the officers of the organization.

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They feel, and wish the public to understand, that while some may be under suspicion of engaging in illegal lobster traffic, the main body of the members of the association are and have been living up to the law and their agreement and are using every lawful means to force any delinquents to do the same.

They claim that the Cape Ann Lobstermen's association, as a whole, is now, as it has been since its inception, living up to the law and that there is no wholesale trading in "shorts." And further than this, they ask the public to assist them in their efforts by not buying "shorts" and in this way make it unprofitable to those few who would engage in this illegal business.

They claim that the report of a wholesale violation of the "shorts" law is not borne out by actual performance, as far as they can learn, and wish the public to understand that they are now, and will continue to live up to the law.

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**TWO MORE CAPE
SHORES HOME**

Two more Cape Shore seiners are home, schs. Pythian, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, being at Boston this morning with 19,000 large and medium fresh mackerel and 40 barrels of salt and the Corona, Capt. Wallace Parsons, with 22,000 large and medium fresh mackerel and 118 barrels salt.

Yesterday noon, sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth arrived here with a small fare of mixed fresh mackerel and 160 barrels salt tinkers taken down off Chatham.

No arrivals were reported at Newport early this morning.

The fresh mackerel fare of sch. Rob Roy sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish company at 16 cents each for large, 6 cents for medium and 2 1-2 cents a pound for tinkers.

Fresh mackerel sold at Boston this morning at 14 cents each for large and 6 cents for medium.

Looks for Good Season.

Under the caption, "A Good Mackerel Season," the Portland Express & Advertiser says editorially:

Fishermen seem sanguine that this is to be a fine mackerel year, that the fish will soon be found along the coast in great schools equal to those of 25 or 30 years ago. They say such a condition is presaged by the appearance this early off the New England coast of such great quantities of tinkers. On the other hand there are fishermen who believe the mackerel now being taken are no more than scattering wisps of a once great school and that the old days of mackerel fishing have forever gone. After all it must be admitted that no fish has furnished so much food for speculation among those who are supposedly wise in such matters. On page 68 of the report of the Maine Department of Sea and Shore Fisheries for the years 1905 and 1906 appears a paragraph quoting an old fisherman

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and which is as wise as any we have yet seen when it comes to explaining the disappearances and reappearance of the mackerel. It says: "My old father, a man of wide experience in the fisheries, when asked for his opinion as to why certain fish failed to appear at certain seasons used to reply, 'Fish have fins and tails with which they can come and go as they please, and that's all I know about it.'"

And that is about all any of us know about it. That the mackerel fishery has declined is unquestioned. Search of the records as far back as they have been kept proves that. Yet no two years find conditions anywhere near alike in the mackerel fisheries. A big catch one year does not indicate a big catch the following year. One summer Bluehill Bay on the coast of Hancock County, was alive with mackerel while Union River Bay, separated from it only by the narrow neck of land known as Newberry Neck, had not a single fish. The next year conditions were exactly the reverse.

In 1831 the mackerel fishery of Maine reached the highest figure it had ever attained up to that time, the catch reaching the unprecedented total of 383,548 barrels. Unfortunately the figures giving the value of the great catch have not been perpetuated so it is impossible to state just what that amount meant in cash. That catch marked the high tide of mackerel fishing for a long time. Gradually the industry declined. The records are not of the best but a careful study of them would indicate that it continued for at least 10 years. Then each year found the fisheries increasing, the mackerel catches became larger and larger until 1880, when the largest mackerel catch in the history of the State of Maine was secured. The record for both fresh and salt mackerel was 400,000 barrels. Since then the fishery has been falling off steadily until within the past half dozen years, when there has been an apparent tendency upon the part of the mackerel to return to the Maine coast.

The last big schools of mackerels which struck in on the Maine coast showed up off Monhegan in the latter part of July, 1911, and were around there several days. This year the exponents of the theory that the mackerel had only disappeared to other waters and would eventually return in as great schools as ever are jubilant. On the other hand those who claim the dogfish and other fish that devour the mackerel in enormous numbers have practically exterminated the species as compared with the earlier days are equally confident that the present good showing is only a flash in the pan. Apparently time alone will settle the controversy. Meanwhile we shall certainly join our hopes with those who claim the mackerel have been on a sightseeing tour only and are now returning to the Maine coast bag and baggage.

Landed Skipper.

Sch. Ingomar was at Canso, N. S., Monday to procure medical treatment for Capt. Horace Wyld, the skipper. Capt. Wyld afterwards returned to his vessel and the craft proceeded this way.

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